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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing below of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A beverage packaging unit that includes an opening through which the beverage can be drunk or poured, said beverage packaging unit comprising: a hollow, box-like body having pairs of opposed sidewalls, a top wall, and a bottom wall, and having a closure element at an upper corner to of the box-like body to together form a parallelepiped, parallelepipedal beverage packaging unit; wherein the upper corner of the box-like body is bevelled to form a triangular surface that abuts a top and two adjacent side walls of the box-like body; a tubular part that extends outwardly from the triangular surface and that includes an outer opening; wherein the closure element is rotatably carried by the box-like body and is formed as a generally pyramidal body having a triangular bottom surface that overlies and conforms in size and shape with the triangular surface of the upper corner of the box-like body, so that when the closure element is initially connected to the tubular part to form for shipment a filled beverage packaging unit and is in sealing abutment with the outer opening of the tubular part and is in contact with a top surface of the tubular part, the bottom surface of the closure element is in surface-to-surface abutment with the triangular surface at the bevelled upper corner of the box-like body and bottom edges of the bottom surface of the

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closure element ~~are coincident with~~ lie in respective planes in which the top and two adjacent sides of the box-like body lie ~~it forms to form~~ a parallelepipedal packaging unit together with the box-like body; wherein the closure element includes a cavity for receiving the tubular part of the box-like body; mutually co-acting fastening means on the tubular part and within the cavity of the closure element, the fastening means serving to axially retain the closure element on the tubular part so that the box-like body and the closure element together form a parallelepiped at predetermined positions of the closure element relative to the tubular part; wherein the closure element cavity extends through the closure element from the closure element bottom surface to ~~an~~ a dispensing opening on one outer face of the closure element; wherein the dispensing opening of the closure element is arranged above a liquid level of a fully-filled beverage packaging unit when the packaging unit stands on its bottom wall; wherein the packaging unit is open to allow flow of beverage from the box-like body when the closure element is rotated relative to the tubular part to a position in which the outer opening of the tubular part and the dispensing opening at the outer face of the closure element are opposite one another; and wherein when the packaging unit is in an opened position to allow flow of beverage from the box-like body, the closure element is retained on the ~~box-like body~~ tubular part and the opening of the closure element is positioned on an upwardly-facing surface of the packaging unit.

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Claim 2 (previously presented): A beverage packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein the fastening means is a snap-lock connection.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): A beverage packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein the packaging unit is in a closed and sealed condition when the outer opening of the tubular part and the dispensing opening of the closure element are not positioned opposite one another.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A beverage packaging unit according to claim 1, wherein when the beverage packaging unit is in closed condition the closure element is in sealing abutment with the outer opening of the tubular part of the box-like body and is in contact with the triangular surface.

Claim 7 (new): A beverage packaging unit according to claim 6, wherein the closed beverage packaging unit provides a parallelepipedal container having planar top, bottom, and side walls that are each defined by respective rectangular surfaces, and that outer surfaces of the closed beverage packaging unit are without projections that extend outwardly therefrom.